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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, our Father, with whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning, more steadfast than the stars and more reliable than the rising and setting of the Sun, we thank You for Your changelessness. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. You are our one fixed stability in the midst of changing circumstances. Your faithfulness is our peace. It is a source of comfort and courage that You know exactly what is ahead of us today. Go before us to show the way. Here are our minds, inspire them with Your wisdom; here are our wills, infuse them with the desire to follow Your guidance; here are our hearts, infill them with Your love. There is enough time today to do what You desire; so grant us freedom from tyranny of the urgent. You have been so patient with us; help us to be patient with those around us. We commit this day to You and thank You in advance for Your presence and power. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 11:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill. At 12 noon, under the previous order, there are expected to be

five rollcall votes as follows: First on the passage of the DOD authorization bill, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1788, the national right-to-work bill, followed by votes on or in relation to the Dorgan amendment, the Kassebaum amendment, and final passage of the TEAM Act.

Following those votes at noon, an additional period of morning business is anticipated and the Senate will begin consideration of the Defense appropriations bill. Therefore, rollcall votes are expected throughout the day and into the evening in an attempt to make substantial progress on the Defense appropriations bill.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1936

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1936) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar of general orders.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, for not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m.

The Senator from Montana is recognized.

TRUST

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, over the Fourth of July, I guess our break was taken a little bit differently. Due to circumstances of a personal matter in both my wife's family and my family, we did not get to spend as much time in our home State of Montana as we would have liked.

Generally, a couple rides on an airplane, but basically we drove across this Nation, across the heartland of this Nation, all the way from the Rocky Mountains back to Washington, DC.

But I flew into California. We were talking yesterday about the encryption issue, an issue that allows people to encode their messages that are sent on the information highway and that there is some reliance that those messages are only received by the folks they are intended for, and when the folks receive those messages, they have confidence that it was sent by the right person and the message has not been tinkered with before they received it.

That happens to be something in this new technology, this information age, that we will be talking a lot about. But as I sat on the airplane, I met a young couple, and I opened the newspaper to the situation with the FBI files at the White House, of which the young woman said, "That doesn't make a lot of difference to me," because she was a supporter of this President and she was going to vote that way anyway. I did not argue with her. She did not know me from Adam, but I asked what she did for a living and she said she was a computer analyst.

I said, "Well, does your company do business with the Government?"

She said, "Yes, we do."

I said, "In sensitive areas like defense or security, or whatever?"

And she said, "Well, I don't know about those things."

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